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Background Soils Characterization

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The Department of Energy received your memorandum (93-RF-0690) regarding background soil characterization and we do not agree with your conclusions

Your memorandum states that EG&G will develop sufficient background soil data to meet InterAgency Agreement requirements by utilizing samples previously collected by the OU1 RFI/RI and implementing the OU2 surface soil sampling program. Initially, EG&G proposed implementing a \$2.2 million program (92-RF-13665) to fully characterize background soils. We concur that the proposed \$2.2 million program was excessive and did not warrant full funding. DOE sent EG&G guidance in a memorandum (ERD JLP 0021) that provided a detailed summary of the IAG and OU workplan requirements that must be supported by background soil characterization. Your recent memorandum ignores this guidance and suggests continued discussions at the staff level. This is not acceptable.

We request that EG&G provide an outline for a formal proposal for the Background Surficial Soils Study by January 27, 1993. The Colorado Department of Health is expecting a completed proposal by January 29, 1992. Although it is not practical to expect a complete proposal from you by this date, the outline must be followed by a completed formal program proposal at the earliest possible date. This program must present sound logic and be defensible to scrutiny by the regulatory agencies. EG&G's expertise in the area of soil science and geochemistry should be utilized to the maximum extent possible. In addition, a strategy for providing funds for the proposed work must be developed and given priority within the EG&G organization.

This request is consistent with previous staff level discussions and formal correspondence. To further emphasize DOE's previous guidance I have again attached a summary of our correspondence and background information on this issue. Any future delays to the timely completion of this project will be viewed as a deficiency in EG&G's ability to properly manage the ER programs.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 4888 or Jen Pepe of my staff at extension 2184.

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Attachment

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